

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A flooring plank, comprising:
a laminate impregnated with a thermosetting resin, the laminate including:
a perimeter;
a first upper surface defining a first portion of the perimeter;
a second upper surface adjacent the first upper surface and defining a second portion of the perimeter, wherein the second upper surface is substantially non-coplanar with the first upper surface; and
a first groove dividing the second upper surface into at least two sub-surfaces, wherein the width of the first groove is less than about 1 mm.
2. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the first portion of the perimeter is elevationally below at least a portion of the second portion of the perimeter.
3. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 1, wherein the first upper surface is substantially parallel to the second upper surface.
4. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 1, wherein the first upper surface is oblique to the second upper surface.
5. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 1, wherein the at least two sub-surfaces visually depict separate motifs.
6. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the at least two sub-surfaces is adjacent only the first upper surface and the first groove.

7. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 1, wherein the first groove is substantially V-shaped.

8. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 1, wherein the first groove comprises sidewalls substantially perpendicular to the second major surface.

9. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 1, wherein a lowermost surface portion of the first surface is substantially coplanar with a lowermost surface portion of the first groove.

10. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 1, wherein the first upper surface and the first groove visually depict substantially the same motif.

11. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 1, further comprising at least one locking mechanism arranged elevationally below the first upper surface.

12. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 11, wherein a portion of the at least one locking mechanism is hidden by the first upper surface.

13. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 11, wherein a portion of the at least one locking mechanism is hidden by the second upper surface.

14. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 1, wherein the second upper surface comprises a surface texture.

15. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 14, wherein the surface texture comprises at least one embossed depression having a depth less than about 0.2 mm.

16. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 14, wherein the surface texture is an embossed surface texture.

17. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 14, wherein the surface texture is aligned with a decorative motif.

18. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 14, wherein the surface texture is unaligned with a decorative motif.

19. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 1, wherein the first upper surface is about 0.794 mm below the second upper surface.

20. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 1, wherein the first upper surface has a width about half the width of the first groove

21. (Withdrawn) The plank according to claim 1, wherein the width of the first groove is between about 0.3 about and 0.9 mm.

22. (Previously Presented) A flooring system, comprising:
at least two planks, wherein each plank comprises a laminate including:
a perimeter;
a first upper surface defining a first portion of the perimeter;
a second upper surface adjacent the first upper surface and defining a second portion of the perimeter, wherein the second upper surface is substantially non-coplanar with the first upper surface; and
a first groove dividing the second upper surface into at least two sub-surfaces,
wherein first upper surfaces of adjacent ones of the at least two planks form a second groove having a topography substantially identical to a topography of the first groove, and
wherein said first groove has a width less than about 1 mm.

23. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein the first upper surface is substantially parallel to the second upper surface.

24. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein the first upper surface is oblique to the second upper surface.

25. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein the at least two sub-surfaces visually depict separate motifs.

26. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein at least one of the at least two sub-surfaces is adjacent only the first upper surface and the first groove.

27. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein the first groove is substantially V-shaped.

28. (Currently Amended) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein the first groove comprises sidewalls substantially perpendicular to the second [[major]] upper surface.

29. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein second portions of perimeters of adjacent ones of the at least two planks are substantially aligned with each other.

30. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein a substantially continuous motif is visually depicted across sub-surfaces of adjacent ones of the at least two planks, wherein the sub-surfaces comprise at least a portion of the second portion of the perimeter.

31. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein a substantially continuous surface texture is provided across sub-surfaces of adjacent ones of the at least two planks, wherein the sub-surfaces comprise at least a portion of the second portion of the perimeter.

32. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein the surface texture is an embossed surface texture.

33. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 32, wherein the embossed surface texture comprises at least one depression having a depth less than about 0.2 mm.

34. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 32, wherein the surface texture is aligned with a decorative motif.

35. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 32, wherein the surface texture is unaligned with a decorative motif.

36. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein the first upper surface and the first groove visually depict substantially the same motif.

37. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, further comprising at least one locking mechanism arranged elevationally below the first upper surface.

38. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 37, wherein a portion of the at least one locking mechanism is hidden by the second upper surface.

39. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 37, wherein a portion of the at least one locking mechanism is hidden by the first upper surface.

40. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein adjacent ones of the at least two planks are joined together with glue.

41. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein adjacent ones of the at least two planks are joined together without glue.

42. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein at least one side of each of at least one of the at least two planks contacts more than one adjacent plank.

43. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein the first groove of each of the at least two planks is substantially identical.

44. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein the first surface is about 0.794 mm below the second upper surface.

45. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein the second groove is substantially the same width as the first groove.

46. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein the width of the first groove is between about 0.3 and about 0.9 mm.

47. (Previously Presented) The flooring system according to claim 22, wherein at least one sub-surface visually depicts wood.